



AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Docket No.
ASA-0019

Application No.
10/797,335-Conf. #4427

Filing Date
March 10, 2004

Examiner
A. T. Lang

Art Unit
3731

Applicant(s): Hideki IWATA et al.

Invention: SLIDING MEMBER

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re the Application of:

Hideki IWATA et al.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits after filing the accompanying Request for Continued Examination under Rule 114 and in response to the final Office Action dated July 10, 2007, the period for response being extended to November 10, 2007, by the Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7-9 and 11-16 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended and claims 17 and 18 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

(There are no amendments to the drawings)

III. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

(There are no amendments to the specification)